Oxycontin

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Learning Objective

- Identify the dangers of Oxycontin misuse and abuse.

What is Oxycontin

- Oxycontin is an opium derivative that is available by prescription.
- Oxycontin is an extremely potent and addictive pain killer that comes in time release tablets.
- Prescribed to cancer patients and chronic pain sufferers to help manage their pain.

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- Pills can be prescribed in 10, 20 and 40 milligram doses.
- Oxycontin is also known as OCs, Oxycoffins, Oxycotton and Killers
- Was approved by the FDA in 1995 as a time released form of Oxycodone.
- Because of its time release mechanism, oxycontin should only be consumed in its pill form.
- Oxycontin has been linked to

Minor Side Effects

- Constipation
- Dizziness
- Confusion
- Drowsiness
- Nausea / Vomiting
- Heartburn
- Pinpoint Pupils
- Dry Mouth

Oxycontin in 10, 20, 40, and 80 milligrams

Serious Side Effects

- Chest Pains
- Muscle Weakness
- Skin Rashes
- Breathing Difficulties
- Seizures
- Unconsciousness / Coma
- Death

Oxycontin Testing in the Army

- The Army tests for Oxycontin on a rotational schedule.

- The illegal use of Oxycontin or any drug goes against Army Values.

Additional Information

Additional information on Oxycontin can be found by contacting the Army Substance Abuse Program or by visiting http://www.acsap.army.mil.